

KITCHENER ON SPIT IN BRITISH CABINET CRISIS

England's War Lord Said to Have Bungled Army Munitions. Much Shrapnel Sent When Shells Were Required.

EXPOSE MENACES GOVERNMENT

Downfall of Reigning Regime Threatened by Quarrel. Coalition Rule Seized Upon to Save Internal Calamity.

London, May 20.—The cabinet crisis, according to the usually well informed parliamentary correspondents of the Daily News, was precipitated by Lord Kitchener's failure to keep the ministry informed regarding supplies of ammunition sent to the front. Huge supplies of shells had been sent, but the proportion of shrapnel is reported to have been greater than that of high explosives, whereas the army required a preponderance of high explosives.

Opposition leaders who were in possession of these facts, says the Daily News, threatened a debate in the house of commons to prove their accuracy. Such a debate would have undermined gravely the authority of the government.

Coupled with the admiralty quarrel and the resignation of Lord Fisher, the paper asserts, it probably would have meant the downfall of the government, which would have been considered lamentable in the midst of war.

The moment was seized, therefore, by representatives of both sides anxious for a coalition cabinet and the government assented to this solution to avert a worse crisis.

Balfour Heads Admiralty. The Daily Telegraph regards the following appointments to the coalition ministry almost certain:

A. L. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty.
Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer.
J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India.

Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for India.
Earl Kitchener and David Lloyd George, secretaries for war, Lord Kitchener performing the military, and Lloyd George the civil duties of the war office.

Parliament adjourned last night until June 3. Before its next meeting the new cabinet will be formed and the first act of the cabinet will be to challenge the vote of confidence from the house of commons to demonstrate its position as representing the whole house.

DRIVE RUSS BACK

Austrians Are Now Fighting to Retake Przemyśl.

Czar's Battle Line Along the River San Broken.

London, May 20.—The Russian fortified line along the River San on which great reliance was placed to check the Austro-German advance has been definitely broken. Statements of the Teutonic allies that they had crossed the river are confirmed in an official announcement from Petrograd. Przemyśl, which Russia won from Austria after a struggle of several months, is now under Austrian attack. One of the greatest battles of the campaign apparently is impending along the San.

In the north the Russians claim successes against the German forces which invaded the Baltic provinces. It is said the Germans have been expelled from Shavil.

The reorganization of the British cabinet will be thorough. A large number of resignations is expected and the cabinet will be reconstituted with the sole idea of carrying on the war.

A Russian official statement issued at Petrograd, received by the Reuter Telegram company says:

"Until now the Germans dare not admit they were dislodged from Shavil on the 11th and they talk of repulsing all sorts of Russian attacks against that town. Nevertheless, our front in this region passes to a considerable distance west of Shavil. German official communications augmented more than four-fold the actual number of prisoners taken at the crossings of the Dubysa river."

"All German efforts against our position east of Drohobycz, in Galicia, have failed. Up until the present time there was only a single regiment of Russian cavalry garrisoned in the town of Drohobycz. These troops fell quickly behind the infantry with insignificant loss."

Berlin Statement. The correspondent of the Lokai Anzeiger at Austrian field headquarters has sent this dispatch:

"The Teutonic allies already have gained several strong footholds on the Russian side of the river San and the Russian army steadily is growing smaller. We must anticipate a big battle soon."

A correspondent of the paper Czernowitz wires that fighting there is continuous.

SIR EDWARD GREY HUMOR.

London, May 20.—Sir Edward Grey's platform manner gives no indication of his social affability. He is really a good story teller, and at times the humor on the frivolous. At a recent social gathering, in illustrating a point he was making, he recited with much solemnity the following verse:

"A father heard his children scream
And promptly drowned them in the stream.
Saying as he dropped the third,
'Children should be seen, not heard.'"

"SPY" SLAYS SELF

Anton Kuepferle Commits Suicide by Hanging in Jail.

Dies, Calling Self American, While Trial Is in Progress.

London, May 20.—10:14 a. m.—Anton Kuepferle, who said he was an American citizen and who has been on trial charged with espionage, committed suicide last night in Brixton prison. He hanged himself. Trial of Kuepferle began Tuesday at the Old Bailey police court before Lord Chief Justice Reading and Justices Avory and Lush. The charge was that he attempted to communicate to Germany information respecting British warships and military forces. The prosecution was conducted by the attorney general. Kuepferle pleaded not guilty. The prosecution contended that while he asserted he was a naturalized American citizen, he was in reality a German.

Kuepferle was charged with writing a letter to an address in a neutral country in Europe, giving valuable information.

CREEKS ARE FULL

Rain Continues to Fall All Over the State. Heaviest Precipitation Has Been in the Southeast.

Light to heavy rainfall in Kansas in the last twenty-four hours added to the heavy precipitation between Monday night and Wednesday has caused a bank-full condition of creeks all over the state, and a sharp although not an alarming rise in the Kaw.

The government reports show that the rain for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning ranged from a mere trace at Coldwater to 1.70 inches in Dresden—generally lighter than in the previous twenty-four hours. All Kansas was cloudy this morning and light rain was falling here and there. A light but steady rain fell at Topeka this morning. The precipitation between 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and 9:30 this morning was .32 of an inch at Topeka, making a total of 3.68 since Monday evening when the rain began.

The stage of the Kaw river at Topeka today was 10.7 feet as against six feet even Wednesday. The rate of increase in the stage has diminished and unless there is unusually heavy rain in the northern portion of the state in the next 24 hours, no alarming rise is expected. The heaviest rain in the last 24 hours has fallen in the southeast section of Kansas.

There has been a rise of a foot an hour along the Neosho and Cottonwood rivers. The latter rose 15 feet Wednesday, and is on the point of breaking into the bottom lands. Efforts are being made to hold the dam at the Emporia Country club.

Many homes are completely surrounded by water in the low sections of Wichita.

W. J. Heiner of Grainfield, writes that the rainfall up to late Wednesday amounted to one and one-half inches and it was still raining. Word has been received from Phillipsburg that the rainfall at that place has been exceptionally heavy.

The forecast is not encouraging. It calls for more rain tonight and Friday.

Today, with the wind blowing at the rate of 12 miles an hour from the east, the temperature was 18 degrees below normal. The total rainfall today up to 2 o'clock was .33 inch. Following are the hourly temperature readings:

7 o'clock.....49	11 o'clock.....47
8 o'clock.....50	12 o'clock.....47
9 o'clock.....48	1 o'clock.....48
10 o'clock.....47	2 o'clock.....49

CHURCH LEADERS MEET

General Assembly of Presbyterians Convened at Rochester, N. Y.

Rochester, N. Y., May 20.—The one hundred and twenty-seventh general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States opened here today. The attendance is estimated at between 1,200 and 1,500.

Among those mentioned for moderator are the Rev. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson and Professor Charles R. Erdman of Princeton seminary; the Rev. Dr. John Marquis Cowie of Iowa; the Rev. George B. Stewart of Auburn seminary, and the Rev. Charles Wood of Washington.

RIVER WATER POISONED

Germans Are Accused of Putting Arsenic in the Ypres.

London, May 20.—The British troops have been warned that the river near Ypres has been poisoned. The Germans are suspected of using arsenic in the water. Samples have been subjected to a medical analysis and this tends to confirm the report.

President Back Home.

"BE PREPARED." GARRISON WARNS

Secretary Has No Sympathy With Easy-Going Idealists.

Self-Respect Requires We Protect What We Cherish.

NO NATION LIVES UNTO SELF

Speaker Declares Isolation Is Geographical Only.

Oscar S. Straus Holds International Morals at Low Ebb.

Mohonk Lake, May 20.—The problem of armaments again was brought before the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration today by an address of Secretary of War Garrison. The secretary's topic was "The Problem of National Defense."

He made a hasty trip from Washington, using train, automobile and buckboard to reach this retreat in the Shawangunk mountains. He departed immediately after speaking that morning.

He declared that while he was a naturalized American citizen, he was in reality a German.

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FRENCH HIT TURKS

Land Troops at Southern Tip of Gallipoli Peninsula.

Land Forces Supported by Fleet in Dardanelles.

Paris, May 20.—French troops have been landed at Seddul Bahr, at the southern tip of the Gallipoli peninsula and on the European side of the Dardanelles, and are now fighting around the Turkish positions at Krithia. This is reported in a dispatch received by the Grecian newspaper Messenger d'Athens from Mudros, Lemnos island. This information was received today by the Havas news agency from Athens.

The French troops are being supported by the French fleet stationed in the bay. British forces which debarked at Gaba Tepe are directing their action toward Krithia with the object of surrounding the Turks.

The attack on the fortified positions at Chibaba continues. The battle front at the latter point is three and one-half miles in length.

SWEDISH VESSELS QUIT

Ships Harried by German Baltic Sea Fleet Are Withdrawn.

DEPUTIES GIVE ROME POWER TO DECLARE WAR

Government Measure, Forerunner of Strife, Passed 365 to 54.

Populace Crowding About Chamber Roars Its Applause.

OVATIONS FOR WAR LEADERS

Procedure Today Is Identical With That of 1859.

Salandra Stirs Statesmen With Denunciation of Austria.

Rome, May 20.—Parliament by a vote of 365 to 54 this afternoon passed the bill giving the government power to act.

The news was immediately flashed to the great crowd waiting the deputies' decision massed about the chamber. Roars of cheers sped through

the city and the message went rushing on to the Italian frontier towns. Everywhere the people greeted the action of parliament as a certain forerunner of war.

The government measure was introduced shortly after parliament went into session. With scarcely any debate it was hurried to a vote. Many Socialist deputies voted against it.

Italy thus gave her approval to the war program of the Salandra cabinet. The decision now rests with the ministry. Definite announcement, perhaps an ultimatum to Austria, is expected within 24 hours.

The procedure today was identical with that used in 1859 when the government, after first receiving power to act from parliament, declared war against Austria.

Ovation to D'Annunzio.

Paris, May 20.—The Temps publishes this telegram from Rome dispatched at 3 o'clock:

"All the galleries of the chamber of deputies were crowded at 1 o'clock, some time before parliament reassembled. There were 450 deputies in their seats. Only one incident marked the opening of the session. That was when Gabriel D'Annunzio entered the gallery. All the deputies stood up."

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BUY 8,000 CANNON.

Lord Kitchener Sends Check For \$16,150,000 to U. S. Steel Firm.

Bethlehem, Pa., May 20.—The Bethlehem Steel Company has received an order for eight thousand cannon from Lord Kitchener of the British war office. The order was accompanied by a check for \$16,150,000, partly for work already done by the Bethlehem Steel company for the British government and partly an advance payment for material that will go into the eight thousand new field pieces.

The cannon ordered are field pieces of the kind that can be turned out in about a month, and the Bethlehem company now is equipped to make them faster than any other concern on earth.

A TRAWLER SUNK.

Submarines Operating Against Fishing Craft in North Sea.

Peterhead, Scotland, May 20.—The British trawler Chrysolite was sunk by a German submarine 30 miles off Kinnaird's head, in the North sea, yesterday. The crew of the trawler took to their boats and were landed here by a Norwegian steamer.

It is believed at least two submarines are operating in these waters.

JOHN D.'S WRATH ON PIOUS HEAD

Attempt to Remove Pastor Who Denounced Ludlow Horror.

Minister Tells of Attempt in Colorado to Control Pulpit.

ALL SOCIAL SERVICE SATANIC

Clergyman Says Company Head Scored Uplift Work.

Rockefeller, Under Flail, Ready to Tell His Story.

Washington, May 20.—Conditions growing out of the Colorado coal strike were further delved into at today's hearing before the federal industrial relations committee. The Rev. Daniel S. McCorkle of Sunrise, Wyo., pastor there of one of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.'s camps, continued his testimony. The witness told the commission that when he went to Sunrise he was informed by the church authorities that the Colorado company maintained the church,

which while he was away inclined to be conciliatory, are all reported today to be demanding that the kaiser defy the United States was considered significant.

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BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Ottinger Lights Kitchen Fire With Gasoline.

Can Explodes and Her Death Follows Quickly.

Mrs. T. Ottinger of Grantville, was fatally burned this morning when a can of gasoline exploded as she was attempting to start a fire with it at the hotel in Grantville. Mrs. Ottinger died shortly before 11 o'clock as a result of her injuries.

To be Ottinger is the proprietor of the Grantville hotel but is working for the Charles Wolff packing company in Topeka. His wife stayed in Grantville and conducted the business. Early this morning she started to build a fire and not knowing there were live coals in the stove started to pour gasoline over the kindling. The gas exploded and Mrs. Ottinger was enveloped in flames. Her clothing was burned from her body and she probably inhaled some of the flame. Her death resulted only a short time after the accident.

She is survived by her husband and two small daughters.

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NOT FOR GERMAN

She Doesn't Want Trouble With United States.

Answer to American Note To Be Most Friendly.

(By Carl Ackerman.)

Berlin, May 20.—Germany's reply to the American note regarding the Lusitania and similar incidents in all probability will be completed by Monday. Unless there is some unforeseen delay, it will be delivered to Washington early next week.

I am informed that because of the length of the American note and because of the detailed request it contains, the German reply requires the most careful drafting. But I am officially assured that there is no reason for any apprehension concerning German-American relations.

The German reply, I am told, will be polite and friendly. It was emphasized that the last thing Germany is thinking of is a breach of diplomatic relations.

BASEBALL TODAY.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Topeka at Sioux City, game postponed; wet grounds.

Wichita at Omaha—Postponed; wet grounds.

MINIMUM DEMANDS MADE BY ITALY UPON AUSTRIA

Rome, May 19.—(via Paris, May 20.)—The minimum demands made upon Austria in behalf of Italy by Foreign Minister Sonnino were:

- 1.—The cession of the entire province of Trent (part of the Austrian Tyrol), according to the frontier of the kingdom of Italy in 1811.
- 2.—Eastern Friuli, comprising Malborghet, Plezzo, Tolmino, Gradisca, Goritz, Monfalcone, Gomen, and as far south as Nabresina.
- 3.—Priest, Capo d'Istria and Pirano (the last two in Istria), to form a new state independent from Austria.
- 4.—The islands of Curzola, Lissa, Lesina, Lagosta, Cazza, and Melada off the coast of Lower Dalmatia) to be ceded to Italy.
- 5.—Abandonment by Austria of her interests in Albania, acknowledging Italian sovereignty over Avona.

TENSE FOR WILSON

President Back at Desk, Faces Acute International Situation.

Executive Worried Over Attitude Taken by Teutonic Press.

Washington, May 20.—Germany has officially accepted the general principle that American citizens shall be protected and safeguarded by the United States under all conditions. On the ground, however, that it is contrary to all rulings of international law, she will reject the suggestion that the United States demand complete abandonment of her submarine warfare.

She holds that America's legal rights extend only to the protection of vessels of American registry and to the safety of Americans on board belligerent merchantmen. This was understood this afternoon to be the German position as outlined to Ambassador Gerard in the series of unofficial conferences which have followed presentation of the Wilson note to the Berlin foreign office.

Washington, May 20.—With President Wilson back at his desk in the international situation became acute today.

The fact that German newspapers which while he was away inclined to be conciliatory, are all reported today to be demanding that the kaiser defy the United States was considered significant.

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AS LABOR'S FRIEND

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Reiterates That Every Effort Was Made to Bring Peace.

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Mr. Rockefeller, in support of his contention that every effort was made to bring about peace, read letters and telegrams containing the substance of suggestions made by him and associates to the Denver office of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. during the strike. Mr. Rockefeller denied he or his associates had anything to do with the prosecution of John R. Lawson, mine union officer recently convicted of murder in Colorado, as he said newspapers have stated.

To Visit Colorado. Mr. Rockefeller reiterated his announced intention of visiting Colorado to investigate conditions. He assured the commission that in the meantime officers of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. are co-operating with employees to improve conditions, and that his efforts are meeting with gratifying success.

Mr. Rockefeller also gave the commission the statement of denial he made to the press on April 25, last, in answer to the charge that correspondence filed with the commission shows that he exercised a personal influence, "that extended even to the state house at Denver, and presumed to dictate the letters that went out to

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GERMAN CHARGE KNIFED

Magnus, in Mexico City, Reported Slashed by a Robber.

Washington, May 20.—Charges d'Affaires Magnus of the German legation in Mexico City was, and chided here, established by a robber Tuesday near the legation.

He reported the attack to the German embassy here today and said it had no political significance. He was not seriously wounded.

MINISTRY SHORT LIVED

Lisbon Body, Forming Revolutionary Committee, Is Dissolved.

COLONEL PLAYED AS "MR. HYDE" BY BARNES LAWYER

"Nobody Has Right to Lie," Says Attorney Ivins.

Criticizes Bowers for Thrusting Politics Into Libel Suit.

CALLS T. R. STORY FAIRY TALE

Declares Roosevelt the Man of Dual Personality.

Legal Issues in \$50,000 Action to Jury at 3:11 P. M.

Syracuse, May 20.—The legal issue between William Barnes and Theodore Roosevelt went to the jury this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Syracuse, May 20.—William M. Ivins, chief counsel for William Barnes in his suit for libel against Theodore Roosevelt, concluded his address to the jury by assailing the former president as being the real possessor of a "Jekyll-Hyde personality," instead of Mr. Barnes.

"The whole trouble with the defendant in this case and the reason he has gotten himself into this position is that he did not follow out the advice which Cromwell gave to Cardinal Woolsey: 'Cast aside ambition. By this sin fell the angels.'"

Referring to Colonel Roosevelt's testimony referring to Mr. Barnes as having a Jekyll-Hyde personality," Mr. Ivins continued:

"Mr. Barnes did not have that dual personality. It was this defendant who possessed it."

Mr. Ivins painted a word picture of the defendant seeking the advice of

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